CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) re : *danger involved in not withdrawing the glucose injection ampoles.*

Sri S. BANGARAPPA (Sorab).—Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Health to the danger involved in not withdrawing the Glucose injection ampules manufactured by the Sarabhai Chemicals Limited, from the market. I have also stated in my Calling Attention Notice about the Dicrysticin, injunctions also.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—Sir, I state as follows :—

On 17th April 1974, our State Drugs Controller received a Telegram from the Drugs Controller, Government of India, New Delhi, stating that Glucose Saline, injection manufactured by M/s. B. J. Pharma, Kanpur, has resulted in deaths when the Drugs was administered to some patients in the Hospitals in Uattar Pradesh. It was also reported that the Glucose Powder imported from Tokyo (manufactured by M/s Tokai Togyo, Tokyo) was suspected to be adulterated and the same was used in the manufacture of the said Glucose injection. Newspaper reports in this regard indicate that detailed investigations are in progress in Uttar Pradesh.

Immediately on receipt of this intimation, our State Drugs Controller informed the Director of Health and Family Planning Services and the Deputy Director (Pharmacy) to forthwith withdraw any glucose Saline from the Hospitals/Dispensaries/Institutions etc., if at all supplied by the above firm and if manufactured in the Hospital Pharmacy from the Glucose Power of the above Japanese firm. The Deputy Director (Pharmacy) has verified that neither the Glucose Saline manufactured by the above firm nor the Glucose powder of the above Japanese firm are being used in any of the Institutions under the Directorate.

2. The Drugs Controller has also instructed the Officers of the Drugs Control Department to comb the entire wholesale market and important Distributors in the State. Accordingly, the officers of the Drugs Control Department inspected and checked the entire stocks of the wholesale Dealers and Distributors and have confirmed that none of the products of M/s B. J. Pharma Kanpur or Glucose Powder of the above Japanese firms are available; and that they have neither in the past nor at present obtained supplies of the above products for distribution in the State. The State Drugs Control Department has also issued a Press Note warning all the private Hospitals, traders and consumers about the said Drugs, and

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directing that if at all such supplies have been releived, they should not be used under any circumstances and the matter should be reported to the concerned Drugs Inspector. The Drugs Inspectors have also been directed to freeze such stocks immediately. An announcement has also been made over All India Radio on 17th April 1974 for the information of the general public.

3. As regards Dicrysticin, the Drugs Controller has reported as follows :—

DICRYSTICIN Batch No. 3 J 036-RUN. B-Date of Expiry September 1975 is manufactured by M/s. Sarabhai Chemicals, Baroda, a reputed International Firm. Supplies of this particular drugs and this particular batch not been received at all for distribution or for use by the Sole Distributors of this manufacturing firm in Bangalore. The stocks have been further verified by the Drugs Inspectors in the Market and no stocks of this particular batch have been received. As a matter of abundant caution, the Director of Information and Publicity has been requested already to issue a warning to Hospitals and Doctors throughout the State not to use this particular batch number in the State.

Morever, Dicrysticin is not in the Rate Contract of the Department. Therefore, this Drug is not likely to have been in this State in Government Institutions.

5. Members may like to know something about the use of this drug. DICRYSTICIN is an anti biotic combination which contains two anti-biotics, viz., Pencillin and Streptomycin. These two anti-biotics are known to give rise to occasional allergic and anaphylactic reactions rarely resulting in death also. Such reports are not uncommon in the Press.

6. Therefore, this alleged death might have been due to sensitivity of either of the anti-bitics or both. However, generally to minimise this risk, Doctors do take precautionary measures such as taking the past history for allergy and testing the sensitivity of the patient to the minute doses of these drugs. By this precaution, the risk involved is minimised considerably. It might also be stated that these two anti-biotics are the common and the most widely used anti-biotics.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್ ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಸ್ಪ್ಯಾಮಿ, ಡೈಕ್ರಸ್ಟಿಸಿನ್ ಇಂಜೆಕ್ಷನ್ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಬ್ಯಾಚ್ ನಂ. 3 ಜೆ. 036—ಆರ್. ಯು. ಎನ್.—ಬಿ. ಇದೆ ಅದು ಸರಿ. ಉಳಿದಿರತಕ್ಕ ಬ್ಯಾಚಸ್ ಕೂಡ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೆ ಎಂಬ ವಿಷಯ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅವು ಬ್ಯಾಚ್ ನಂ. 3 ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಅಪಾಯಕಾರಿ ಇದೆ, ಸಾರಾಭಾಯಿ ಕೆಮಿಕಲ್ಸ್ ಅವರ ಬೇರೆ ಬ್ಯಾಚಸ್ ಕೂಡ ಏನು ಇದೆ ಅವನ್ನೂ ಕೂಡ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲದ ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಲು, ಅವನ್ನು ಹಿಂದಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾವ ಔಷಧವು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. If the Hon. Member specifically tell me like the one I mentioned here and if there are any other injuctions manufactured by that firm which are harmful, I will ask the Drugs Controller to get it examined thoroughly into the matter.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I think the statement is thoroughly exhaustive and if so necessary, I am sure, the Hon. Minister requires some time to collect the required information.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಡೆಕ್ಸಿಸ್ಟಿಸಿನ್ ಇನ್‌ಜೆಕ್ಷನ್ಸ್ ಬ್ಯಾಚ್ ನಂ. 3 ಹಾಗೇ ಗ್ಲುಕೋಸ್ ಇಂಜೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಇವೇ ರೀತಿ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಬೇರೆ ಇಂಜೆಕ್ಷನ್ಸ್ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇವೆ. Drugs which are harmful to the very life of the human be ng. ಏನಿವೆ ಅವನ್ನು ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್ಟಿನಿಂದ ಹಿಂತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I will issue instruction to the Drugs Controller to take a sample of all the injunction tubes that are available in the market and get them subject to laboratory tests and if he finds there is anything injurious, I will ask them to see that they are withdrawn from the marke . The Drugs Controller, after the incident in Utter Pradesh has been very alert and has issued instructions to his staff to examine all the c emicals stored and also to the drug shops and see that proper steps are taken. Again, I will ask him to do that.

(ii) *re : death of a Sadhu in Police Custody at Nangli.*

Sri C. BYRE GOWDA (Vemgal) .—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the death of a Sadhu in police custody in Nangli Police Station, Kolar District.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister) .—I State as follows :

A dead body of a male person was found floating in the well situated in the Police Colony at Nangli on 13th April 1074 at about 8-45 P.M. It was first noticed by Kumari Laxmidevi, aged 13 years, sister-in-law of H. C. 64 Anjanappa. Shri Anjanappa made a report in this connection to the Sub-Inspector of Police, Nangli, who registered it in U.D.R. No. 3/74, under Section 174 Cr.P.C' and sent his reports to theOfficers concerned.

The Sub-Inspector of Police and the Police Inspector to whom the matter was reported could not commence the investigation immediately as the daed body was found in a well in the Police Colony and there were grave allegations against Nangi Police to the effect that the person was beaten to daeth and was thrown into the well. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kolar, who came there in the evening made enhuiries and requested at Additional District Magistrat to go over to Nangli and hold the inquest proceedings over the dead body.